

Santa Rosa County
Fire Protection Board of Appeals Meeting
June 8, 2006, 4:00p.m.
Santa Rosa County Building Inspection Media Room
6051 Old Bagdad Highway Room 202
Milton, Florida 32583
MINUTES NOT VERBATIM

The regular meeting of the Santa Rosa County Fire Protection Board of Appeals was held August 10, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Media Room of the Santa Rosa County Building Inspection Department located at 6051 Old Bagdad Highway, Suite 202, Milton, Florida. Board members in attendance were Chairman John Reble, Vice Chairman Steve Rowell, Art O'Reilly and Les Slocum.

Building Inspection Department Staff in attendance were Tambre L. Lee, Fire Safety Inspector; and Sabrina Brown, Fire Safety Secretary.

Mr. John Reble, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m

Agenda Approval:

Slocum made a motion to amend the agenda with the removal of the Rinker Project. The amendment and approval was second by O'Reilly. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

O'Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 20, 2006 meeting with a second by Rowell. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting is to be held on September 7, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.

Old Business:

Brown's Hauling (#06-002)

Fire Hydrant Variance Request for Reconsideration of Denial

O'Reilly notes that the reconsideration is out of order; the point of redress is the Board of County Commissioners, not the Fire Protection Board of Appeals. Chairman Reble advises that the County Attorney has stated approval of this Board reconsidering the request.

Chief Bill Thompson of the East Milton Volunteer Fire Department, 9660 South Trace Rd, Milton, FL 32583, states that he is confident in the ability of his fire department to fight a fire at the address. Slocum expresses concern of the Santa Rosa County Fire Protection Board of Appeals Meeting August 10, 2006, 4:00p.m. land that is surrounding the proposed location and the future need for fire hydrants. Discussion ensued regarding the need for fire hydrants and the reason for the ordinance. Discussion ensued regarding the safety of firefighters without the installation of a hydrant.

Property owner, Joe Brown of 4926 Blue Ribbon Dr, Milton, FL 32583, explains the problem with installing a fire hydrant. Discussion ensued regarding the high expense of completing the project. Brown states that if a line becomes available he will install a hydrant.

Reble explains that the next step in the process is to appeal to the County Commissioners.

Rowell made a motion to deny the request and let it stand as decided in the previous meeting. Motion second by O'Reilly. Motion carried.

New Business:

Sutton Environmental (#06-003)

Fire Hydrant Variance Request

The Board reviews the application and the plans for the project. Discussion ensues with Paul Battle, engineer for Sutton Environmental, regarding the information of a 10 inch main that was supposed to be in front of the project. When they contractor was ready to install the hydrant, there was only a three inch main. Battle discusses the layout of the property and the location of the nearest hydrant.

Rodney Sutton with Sutton Environmental discusses the layout and use of the building. Discussion ensues regarding the future installation of a 10 inch main and the hydrant location across the CSX Railroad Tracks.

Nick Anderson, Assistant Cheif of the Bagdad Fire Department discusses the working relationship that there is between the railroad and the fire department and the ability of the railroad to stop if there is a fire and a line across the tracks.

Discussion ensued regarding the installation of a hydrant in the near future due to the sell of property in the area to residential developers. Sutton states that he will place a hydrant when a line becomes available. Reble explains that they do not have the ability to approve contingent upon future installation of a hydrant. Lee reminds the Board that the building is at the framing stage.

Claude Dunlap, Chief of the Bagdad Fire Department asks the Board to think of an alternate way to fight the fire. O'Reilly explains that there is not always mutual aid, they are sometimes committed to other jurisdiction and you can not always depend on the aid.

O'Reilly made a motion to deny the request. Motion second by Rowell. Motion carried.

Public Forum:

None.

At 5:03 Slocum made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by O'Reilly. Motion carried.